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To: Members of the staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management

Subject: UNITED NATIONS STAFF RELIEF COMMITTEE FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE LUIS IN ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

1. Hurricane Luis, the Caribbean's worst hurricane in several decades, has devastated the tiny islands of Antigua and Barbuda. According to reports, the storm ravaged the islands for 15 hours, leaving only destruction and disaster in its path as it vented its fury on the buildings and their inhabitants. Approximately 80 per cent of the twin islands was severely damaged, and thousands were left homeless and without essentials such as water, electricity and food. From initial estimates, the cost of immediate relief could run into millions of dollars.

2. With the approval of the Secretary-General, and the full support of the Staff Council, the United Nations staff at Headquarters have formed the United Nations Staff Relief Committee to appeal for funds to alleviate the suffering of the victims of this hurricane. Ms. Gladys E. Terry (Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts), is Chairperson of the Committee, with Ms. Ursula Llewellyn (Division of Personnel, United Nations Development Programme) as Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Cuthbert Liburd (Security and Safety Services) as Secretary, Ms. Violet Alcendor-Spencer (Office of Human Resources Management) as Treasurer and Mr. Mohamed Oummih (Staff Committee) as a member.

3. Starting on 15 September 1995, contributions in cash will be collected by authorized staff members on behalf of the Committee. All proceeds will be donated through an appropriate relief agency.

4. Contributions may also be made by cheque payable to the United Nations Staff Relief Committee for Victims of Hurricane Luis in Antigua and Barbuda addressed to the Treasurer, Ms. Violet Alcendor-Spencer, room S-2410.

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